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# TECHNICAL NOTES

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## Reforestation Retarded by War

Forest planting activity was an important if little recognized war casualty in the Lake States, according to statistics compiled at the Lake States Forest Experiment Station. During the prewar days when abundant Civilian Conservation Corps and W.P.A. labor were available, as much as 148,000 acres were planted to trees in one year in the three Lake States. During 1944 the corresponding figure was only 8,000 acres. While the war was on and labor was critically short, it was logical to concentrate efforts on wood production. Now that peace has been restored, attention should again be directed to rebuilding our depleted forest resource.

The table below shows the total area planted by all agencies in the Lake States at the close of 1932 (before emergency labor became available), from 1933 to the close of 1941 (our entry into the war), from 1942 to the close of 1944, and the cumulative total at the close of 1944 (the latest statistics available).

### Total net area planted by all agencies in the Lake States<sup>1/</sup>

State	: Thru : : 1932 : <u>M acres</u>	1933- : 1941 : <u>M acres</u>	: 1942- : : 1944 : <u>M acres</u>	: Thru : : 1944 : <u>M acres</u>
Minnesota	100	120	10	230
Wisconsin	35	325	40	400
Michigan	230	490	45	765
Lake States	365	935	95	1,395

<sup>1/</sup> Figures given in round numbers.

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